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1. Chinese Communist authorities in the Yunnan-Burma border area are making great efforts to win the sympathy of the Shans and Kachins. Propaganda films have been shown to the local inhabitants of Lungch'uan (97-55; 24-20), T'engch'ung (98-29; 25-01), Mengmao (97-52; 24-02), and Wanting (97-55; 24-00). The Communists have also made free distributions of woolen yarn, salt, matches, and other commodities to Kachins in the Kachin Hills in an attempt to win their support. Two groups of fifteen to twenty Kachins who were sent from Kangai (98-05; 24-46) and Santa States (97-52; 24-45) to Kunming for courses of political indoctrination have now returned and are engaged in spreading Communist propaganda among their fellow tribesmen.
2. Kachins, Shans, and Shan Chinese were invited by Chinese authorities to send representatives to a Communist-sponsored festival which was held at Paoshan (99-09; 25-07) from 29 May to 2 June. Prominent leaders of the Kachin National Congress, including its president, MARAN LASHAN, are believed to have attended.¹
3. In May the Communists held meetings at Mengmao and Lungch'uan at which the following points were discussed:
 - a. The establishment of a Kachin Free State²
 - b. The protection of Burma from Anglo-American exploitation
 - c. The elimination of the KMT remnants in Burma
 - d. The recruitment of personnel for the Chinese Communist Army
4. A conference for Kachin leaders is to be held in Peiping. A similar conference for Shan Sawbwas is believed to have been held at Paoshan in mid-June. By 12 June the following Sawbwas had assembled for this meeting:

KUAN CHIN HTAY

Sawbwa of Mengmao

TAW YONG MYIN

Sawbwa of Lungch'uan

KAI NAN SHIN

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Sawbwa of Shanmulling (98-05; 24-32)

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